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Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., April 2, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, April 2, 1836.

Dear Andrew, In my last I gave you the account just then received from Col Armstrong, of the loss of our furniture by fire on board the steamer *Randolph* at the warf at Nashville. I requested Major Lewis to write Mr. South for information of the nos. of the packages with the contents of each, that we might know what were in those lost—the inclosed letter will give the information on that head. We will be anxious to receive the positive information of all that is lost, and what part has safely come to hand, that arrangements may be made to have them replaced.

I have just recd. a letter from Mr. Hobbs—at its date, no cotton seed has arrived. I hope it will be up in good season. Mr. Hobbs sends me the nos. and weight of 17 bales of cotton but from the manner in which he writes, I would suppose, that 6 of these were that which he ginned for the seed and Thos. J. Donelson, if that be the case then we have only made eight bales, the 17 bales were bad anough, but this would be shameful, and still worse the poverty of our oxen and loss of other stock, but write me about all our affairs.

With my prayers for your health and speedy return I remain your affectionate father